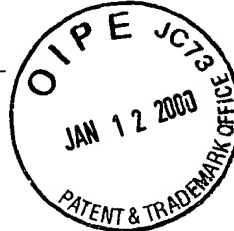


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Applicant in the above-identified application hereby petitions for entry of the accompanying Supplemental Amendment After Allowance.

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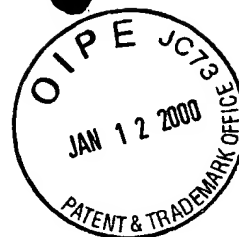
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